Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Now with regard to the Cochin Trade Union Bill, Sir, that Bill contains a reference in section 17 to criminal conspiracy and in the form it has been presented it is obviously not possible to move the adoption of the Bill. Some alteration has to be made. I would, therefore submit that the Bill may be taken up tomorrow. I may be allowed to make the motion tomorrow.

Mr. President.—Yes.

The Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I rise to move that the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill as reported by the Select Committee be taken into consideration.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—I second it.

Mr. President.—The question is that the Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill as reported by the Select Committee be taken up for consideration.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. President.—The question is that clauses 2 to 5 do stand part of the Bill.

Insertion of a new section.

2. After section 7 of the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation, V of 1089, as amended up-to-date, the following section shall be inserted:—

Term of office of members of Panchayats.

"7 A. (1) The term of office of the members of the existing Panchayats shall save as otherwise expressly provided, begin and expire at noon on the first day of the months shown in column 3 of the Schedule annexed and of members of Panchayats that may be created hereafter on such dates as may be fixed by the Government by a notification in the Government Gazette.

(2) Vacancies arising from efflux of time in the office of an elected member of the existing Panchayats shall be filled up at ordinary elections which shall be fixed by the Director of Public Health and Panchayats or by any officer nominated by him to take place on such days in the months, shown in column 4 of the Schedule annexed, next preceding the vacancies as he thinks fit and in cases of Panchayats that may be created hereafter the elections to fill up such vacancies shall take place on such day or days as may be fixed by the Director of Public Health and Panchayats or the officer nominated by him, provided that the Director of Public Health and Panchayats shall not nominate under this section a person below the rank of a nchayat Inspector or Tahsildar.

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(3) A member elected at an ordinary election held after the occurrence of a vacancy shall enter upon office forthwith, but shall hold office only so long as he would have been entitled to hold office if he had been elected before the occurrence of the vacancy.

(4) A casual vacancy in the office of an elected member shall be filled up at a casual election which shall be fixed by the Director of Public Health and Panchayats or the person nominated by him to take place as soon as may be after the occurrence of the vacancy.

Provided that no casual election shall be held to fill a vacancy occurring within three months before the ordinary date of retirement.

(5) A member elected at a casual vacancy shall enter upon office forthwith but shall hold office so long only as the member in whose place he is elected would have been entitled to hold office if the vacancy had not occurred.

Application of sections 7 A (3), (4) and (5) to members appointed by Government.

3. Sections 7-A (3), (4) and (5) shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the members of Village Panchayats appointed by Government also.

Addition of a Proviso to clause (2) of section 9.

(4) To clause (2) of section 9 of the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation, V of 1089, as amended up-to-date, the following proviso shall be added:—

"Provided that the Diwan may nominate the President from among the other members, if the vacancy occurs within three months of the ordinary date of retirement of the President and that no election shall be held to fill such short vacancies."

Transitory provisions.

5. The term of office of the Presidents and members holding office on the date on which this Regulation comes into force shall expire on such date or dates after the commencement of this Regulation as the Government shall determine and the Government shall make appointments and cause arrangements for election to be made so that the newly appointed and elected members and President may come into office on the date fixed for the retirement of the former members and President and until they so come into office, the former members and President shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties respectively of the members and President under Regulation V of 1089, as amended up-to-date.

Clauses put and carried.

Mr. President.—The question is that the Schedule stand part of the Bill.

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SCHEDULE.

Serial No.	Name of Panchayats	Month in which the term begins and expires	Month in which election is to be conducted	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
	COCHIN-KANAYANNUR TALUK.			
1	Malayattur	Dhanu	Kanni	
2	Vellarappilli			
3	Cheranellur	Makaram	Thulam	
4	Ernakulam	Kumbham	Vrischigam	
5	Marada			
6	Vadavukode	Meenam	Dhanu	
7	Nadamel			
8	Tiruvankulam			
9	Mulanthuruthi	Medam	Makaram	
10	Amballur	Edavam	Kumbham	
11	Chennamangalam	Mithunam	Meenam	
12	Pallipuram	Dhanu	Kanni	
13	Edavanakad			
14	Narakkal	Makaram	Thulam	
15	Elangunnapuzha			
16	Kumbalanghy	Kumbham	Vrischigam	
17	Chellanam			
18	Palluruthi	Meenam	Dhanu	
	MUKUNDAPURAM TALUK.			
19	Varandarapilli	Dhanu	Kanni	
20	Trikkur			

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Serial No.	Name of Panchayats	Month in which the term begins and expires	Month in which election is to be conducted
1	2	3	4
	MUKUNDAPURAM TALUK.—(*cont.*)		
21	Kodakara	Makaram	Thulam
22	Parappukara	Kumbham	Vrischigam
23	Porathisseri	Meenam	Dhanu
24	Kattur		
25	Padiyur	Medam	Makaram
26	Poomangalam		
27	Irinjalakkuda	Edavam	Kumbham
28	Velukara	Mithunam	Meenam
29	Alur		
30	Muriyad		
31	Chalakkudi	Dhanu	Kanni
32	Pariyaram		
33	Melur.		
34	Kizhakkummuri	Makaram	Thulam
35	Kallur Thekkummuri		
36	Vadama	Kumbham	Vrischigam
37	Poyya		
38	Edavilangu	Meenam	Dhanu
	TRICHUR TALUK.		
39	Kaiparamba	Dhanu	Kanni
40	Avanur		
41	Tholur	Makaram	Thulam
42	Adat		

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Serial No.	Name of Panchayats	Month in which the term begins and expires	Month in which election is to be conducted	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
	TRICHUR TALUK.—(*cont.*)			
43 44	Kolazhi Vilvattam	Kumbham	Vrischigam	
45 46	Ayyanthole Erava	Meenam	Dhanu	
47 48	Manalur Anthikad	Medam	Makaram	
49 50	Chazhur Thaniyam	Edavam	Kumbham	
51 52	Urakam Chevur	Mithunam	Meenam	
53 54	Kodannur Koorkancheri	Dhanu	Kanni	
55 56	Puthur Ollur	Makaram	Thulam	
57 58	Ollukara Panancheri	Kumbham	Vrischigam	
	TALAPPALLI TALUK.			
59 60 61	Kattakampal Kadavallur Porkulam	Dhanu	Kanni	
62 63	Arthat Choondal	Makaram	Thulam	
64 65	Kadangode Chowwannur	Kumbham	Vrischigam	
66 67	Mundathicode Kariyannur	Meenam	Dhanu	

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Serial No.	Name of Panchayats	Month in which the term begins and expires	Month in which election is to be conducted	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
	TALAPPALLI TALUK—(*cont.*)			
68	Vellattanjur	Medam	Makaram	
69	Velur			
70	Desamangalam	Edavam	Kumbham	
71	Panjal			
72	Pazhayannur	Mithunam	Meenam	
73	Kondazhi			
74	Tiruvilluamala			
75	Vadakkancheri	Dhanu	Kanni	
76	Thekkumkara			
77	Varavoor	Makaram	Thulam	
78	Chelakkara	Kumbham	Vrischigam	
	CHITTUR TALUK.			
79	Vadakarapathy	Dhanu	Kanni	
80	Eruthempathy			
81	Kozhinjampara			
82	Nalleppilly			
83	Pattancheri	Makaram	Thulam	
84	Nemmara	Kumbham	Vrischigam	
85	Ayilur			
	CRANGANUR TALUK.			
86	Lokamaleswaram	Dhanu	Kanni	
87	Methala			

Schedule put and carried

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Mr. President.—The question is that clause 1 do stand part of the Bill.

Short title and commencement.

1. This Regulation may be called the Cochin Village Panchayat (Amendment) Regulation of 111 and it shall come into force at once.

Clause put and carried.

Mr. President.—The question is that the Title and the Preamble do stand part of the Bill.

THE COCHIN VILLAGE PANCHAYAT REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Preamble.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation, V of 1089, as amended up-to-date; it is hereby enacted as follows:—

Title and preamble put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I move that the Bill may be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Contempt of Courts Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I beg to present the Select Committee Report on the Cochin Contempt of Courts Bill and pray that the Bill as reported by the Select Committee may be taken up for consideration.

In this connection I wish to make a short statement. The law of Contempt of Courts such as it exists today has been found to be rather inadequate. While there exists provision for dealing with such offences done in the immediate presence of the Court there does not exist any provision, as in British India and elsewhere, by which Courts can deal with contempt of court committed beyond their presence. This jurisdiction has been exercised by British Indian High Courts from the time of their institution. This in fact is exercised by the King's Bench Division from time immemorial. With regard to some Chief Courts in British India it was doubted in practice whether such jurisdiction existed. So the Government of India had to pass what is called the Contempt of Courts Act of 1926 with the result

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